



Bradford Reporter

Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Men

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Towanda, Saturday, March 23, 1850.

Terms of the Reporter...

THE DEMOCRATIC STANDING COMMITTEE of Bradford County will meet at the Bradford Hotel...

RADICALISM.

The word Radical is by many considered a word of evil import. Like many other words in the English language, its meaning is sometimes governed by the subject to which it is applied.

Radicalism and conservatism have no affinity with each other. Radicalism is bold, fearless, unswerving in its denunciation of wrong.

In our own State, the battle has been fought since Jackson's day, and has resulted sometimes in the triumph, sometimes in the defeat of Radicalism.

The Administration of that revered Radical, "honest Frank Stunk" succeeded. Guided by his prudent and skillful hand the ship of State was righted in her course...

As one of the chief objects of the new paper in this place, appears to be to give the praises of the "Regular Contributor" it would have been fitting to have given it an appropriate name...

New Hampshire Election.—By a slip from the Concord Patriot, we learn that 116 democrats were chosen to the House of Representatives...

That Terrible "Secret Circular"

The "Regular Contributor" to the North Pennsylvanian (Mr. C. L. Ward) becomes highly excited at the discovery of a private letter written by the editor of the Reporter...

In regard to the establishment of the North Pennsylvanian we have fully expressed our views in another article in this paper...

For one who had "never learned to lie," we should judge that the "Regular Contributor" had an innate knowledge that rendered all lessons unnecessary.

Can he point to the first word of "abuse" of him which has ever appeared in the Reporter, much less that we have "abused him every week"?

The assertion that he is too generous to use the ineffectiveness of others for any purpose of political control or even of personal influence...

But we mostly find fault with the spirit in which the whole article is written. It is a most alarming and striking exemplification of the overbearing and oppressive character of ill gotten and bloated wealth.

We appeal to the public, if we have done anything to provoke this quarrel. We had a right as a private person to say what we pleased about the establishment of the North Pennsylvanian...

It is stated as a singular fact, that a portion of the President's Square, at Washington, is owned by the Queen of Portugal, having been deeded to Portugal when the site of that city was local.

The Bank-Assignment Bill

The experience of years has demonstrated the fact that the Democratic party has guarded the interests of the public, as far as it was possible, against the schemes of those who wish special privileges by legislative enactment.

In regard to the Banks, the policy of the Democratic party has been sound and radical. To secure community against fraud and loss has been its particular aim...

Under the loose and unwise legislation of the past, much wrong has been done, and Daniel Webster's saying fully exemplified...

Banks have sprung into existence—the country has been deluged with paper money, and while apparently in the full tide of successful operation there comes an awful crash...

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature, (a sketch of which we have published)—which, it is believed, will reach in some measure, these scandalous proceedings...

Backing Out!

The proceedings of the "Wednesday Evening Meeting" as published in the North Pennsylvanian, show that a wonderful change has taken place in the policy of the wire workers.

But the most wonderful metamorphosis has taken place in the character and purposes of the committee appointed on motion of Col. Piolet. Then, it was to be a COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE...

Rumors have been in circulation here for a day or two, affecting the standing of the Homeale Bank. This bank has generally been looked upon as one of the safest in the state.

We shall most assuredly publish the proceedings of the Democratic meeting in favor of Union and Regular Nominations—but they will now have to wait our convenience—until next week.

The North Pennsylvanian

The first number of this paper made its appearance from the "Ward House" on Saturday last. It professes to be Democratic—though we saw no particular reason for what its conductors could have done...

It is no secret here, that Christopher L. Ward, was the purse and midwife, whoever may be the true father of the bantling. The thing was concocted during his late visit to Lancaster, Philadelphia and Washington...

We say, then if this be the case, a fraud is attempted to be practised upon the Democratic party of Bradford. Will any one pretend that Christopher L. Ward, was any particular regard for that party?

It is not to be expected that the true object of this paper should be foreshadowed now. Indeed, we were much surprised that it unmasked its batteries upon the Reporter so soon.

The establishment of this paper of course implies that the originators are dissatisfied with the course of the Reporter. That this should be the case, is natural.

Stolen Thunder!

From the "Regular Correspondent"—slightly altered. DOUBTFUL EXULTATION.—"I have strong reason to suspect," said a friend to us the other day, (in regard to an article in a certain newspaper), "that you received that stab in the dark from W. or P."

A COMPLIMENT.—Some one, recently was expressing a doubt whether the mind of a certain individual was of "sufficient calibre" to conduct a paper started like the North Pennsylvanian...

New York and Erie Rail Road.

The following is the allotment of work on the New York and Erie Railroad. Read, Tracy & Co. 24 miles. King, Luman & Co. 12 "

The proceedings of Congress, during the past week have been totally devoid of interest, and we omit our usual abstract. Several speeches have been made, for and against slavery—and much time taken up in disposing of private bills.

Correspondence from Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, March 18, 1850. We had a most glorious meeting here on last Wednesday the 13th inst., at the Chinese Museum, which was the walls echo, as Major Davanzano would say, at the same building, like the Chinese Wall...

Samuel D. Patterson, one of the editors of the "Pennsylvanian," has sold out his share in that paper to Hamilton & Forney, who if they continue their present course in favor of the Southern disunionists, will soon find it an unprofitable concern.

You will observe that the "Pennsylvanian," has at last broken its silence, and made an attack upon the "Times," but cannot stand its hand against the talents and abilities of the latter.

An immense "Union and California" meeting was held in Philadelphia on the 13th inst., at which Hon. T. M. Pettit presided, assisted by a large number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

Great Meeting in Philadelphia

The doctrines of the Pittsburg resolution were reaffirmed, and strong ground taken the extension of Slavery into Free Territory. We regret that we are not able to publish the proceedings in extenso, but must content ourselves this week with the resolutions, omitting the preamble.

Resolved, That Congress has the power to establish Territorial Governments, and to prohibit the extension of slavery, into the free Territories of the United States.

Resolved, That the Territories acquired by conquest, and by purchase, from Mexico, came to us free, are now free, and should forever remain free.

Resolved, That the patriots, sound policy and a just economy of the public treasure, and the universal desire to bind our citizens on the Pacific, to our glorious Union with the same degree of interest, and the immediate and unconditional admission of the State of California into the Union.

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Correspondence from Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, March 16, 1850. Very little advance has been made in legislation upon matters of public importance since my last. The Resolutions of amendment to the constitution, making the Judiciary elective, which had been under discussion for so long a time, have finally passed the house with but three votes against them.

The bill appropriating the State into districts for Senators and Representatives passed the House on Thursday and was sent to the Senate. Its provisions have been but slightly changed from the report of the Judiciary Committee...

A bill has been reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee appointing Commissioners to examine the transactions, conduct and condition of the Bank of Susquehanna County...

Among the extraordinary propositions before the legislature is an application for the passage of a supplement to the law incorporating the Lycoming Mutual Insurance Company. It is alleged that the majority of the Directors of the company act as Agents in procuring insurance, and charge one dollar and fifty cents upon each policy disposed of...

A bill has passed the House of Representatives authorizing the Commonwealth to place upon the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, and to exercise the exclusive privilege of carrying passengers thereon. This measure has long been urged by the patriotic portion of the Democratic party as the only one to protect the public from imposition, and prevent the huge schemes of speculation which have been carried on by the transporters of passengers on that Road.

Gov. Johnston has appointed G. W. Harris Esq., of this place Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court, in place of R. M. Barr, Esq. Mr. Harris is a very amiable man, respectable in his profession, and I presume will discharge his duties with honor to himself and the satisfaction of the fraternity of the bar.

Yesterday being the birth-day of Gen. Andrew Jackson, the members of the Senate, in pursuance of a joint resolution, repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives, with the Governor and heads of department to listen to the reading of the Farewell Address of that immortal Hero of Statesmen. It seemed appropriate for the time and evidently served to strengthen the bonds that entwine the component parts of our glorious nation.

The establishment of the North Pennsylvanian, will make it necessary to apply some prefix to the Philadelphia Pennsylvanian, as the two papers may not be confounded, though their interests are so identical. We shall therefore call the latter the South Pennsylvanian—a title which its zealous advocacy of the peculiar interests of the South, and its labors for the propagation of slavery makes at once just and appropriate.

ENTERPRISING.—The "Metropolitan Sketch" is the first number of the North Pennsylvanian, was published in the Reporter in 1847, almost paragraph for paragraph as it now appears, being a paper read before the New York Historical Society by Joseph B. VANKER, Jr. The two paragraphs in the article to Readers and Correspondents, commencing with "If we could and 'Prudence'" are taken from the "Backwoodsman" line for line, and comma for comma. We suppose, of course, the initials "W. V." will always be used to indicate the true authorship of articles.